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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
- ☐ a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☐ the description:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- ☐ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the drawings:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
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4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>11-13</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u> </u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-13</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-13</u>	YES
	Claims	<u> </u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Cited documents of particular relevance:

D1: US 6183255 B1

D2: SE 514202 C2

D1 shows an arrangement with an implant according to the preamble of claim 1. The outer layer consists of crystalline titanium dioxide which largely or completely assumes the anatase phase.

The arrangement according to claim 1 therefore is known from D1. Consequently, the invention defined in claim 1 lacks novelty and inventive step.

The arrangements according to claims 2-10 are also previous known from D1. Consequently, claims 2-10 also lack novelty and inventive step.

D2 shows a method for producing a dental implant with an outer layer of titanium dioxide. The voltage and the dwell time of the part in the electrolyte are chosen dependent on the preferred characteristics of the outer layer. It must be considered adjacent for person skilled in the art to choose the voltage and the dwell time such that the titanium dioxide assumes the crystalline anatase phase.

The method according to claims 11-13 therefore lack inventive step.

The invention is considered to be industrially applicable.